

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

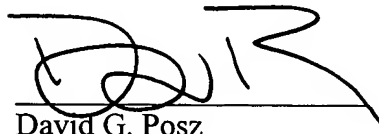
In the Advisory Action mailed on November 17, 2003, the Examiner has indicated that claims 4, 10, 11 and 15 are allowed and has maintained his rejection of claims 5, 8 and 16.

In view of the Examiner's position relative to the presently pending claims, and without addressing the merits of the Examiner's continued rejection of claims 5, 8 and 16, Applicants have canceled rejected claims 5, 8 and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, as only allowed claims 4, 10, 11 and 15 remain in the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner now allow the application and issue a Notice to that effect. If the Examiner believes that any further outstanding issues exist, he is invited to promptly contact the undersigned.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time and a check for the requisite extension fee are being submitted herewith. Permission is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Posz', written over a horizontal line.

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